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2. (U) NEA--PAKISTAN BORDER INCIDENTS

(U) AUGUST 13-24, COMMUNIST AIRCRAFT, ARTILLERY, AND ROCKETS CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF ATTACKS ON PARTS OF PAKISTAN'S NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE (NWFP), WHICH BORDERS AFGHANISTAN. ACCORDING TO PAKISTANI PRESS REPORTS, THESE ATTACKS COST THE LIVES OF OVER 100 PERSONS, MOSTLY AFGHAN REFUGEES. THE SINGLE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT OCCURRED ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 18TH WHEN, ACCORDING TO THE GOP, COMMUNIST FORCES FIRED 53 ROCKETS INTO PAKISTANI TERRITORY KILLING SOME 15 PERSONS. THE GOP HAS PROTESTED THE ATTACKS TO THE AFGHAN CHARGE IN ISLAMABAD. ON AUGUST 23 THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS AND CALLING UPON THE SOVIETS TO PERMIT PROGRESS IN THE UN-SPONSORED INDIRECT TALKS ON AFGHANISTAN WHICH RECOMMENCED ON AUGUST 24 IN GENEVA. THE GOVERNMENTS OF TURKEY AND JAPAN HAVE ALSO ISSUED STATEMENTS ON THE ATTACKS.

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